GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Distance Education System
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to enact a law or set up an agency to monitor the distant education system to regulate the uncontrolled expansion of Distance Education Institutes in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the complaints regarding misguiding and cheating the students and running courses without any approval of competent authority have been rising in case of higher education being imparted through distant education in the country during the last three years; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) is monitoring and regulating the distance education in higher education system in the country.

(c) & (d): As per the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), during the last three years, 28 complaints in respect of various Universities/Deemed to be Universities have been received in the Commission from the various quarters regarding violation of territorial jurisdiction, offering of programmes which are not allowed through distance education mode and also running of programmes without approval of UGC. The list of such universities is attached as Annexure.

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